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Applicant : Klaus Cichutek *et al.*

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THEIR USE FOR GENE TRANSFER INTO CD4-POSITIVE CELLS

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed December 6, 2000, and in lieu of Applicants' Brief on Appeal (Applicants' Notice of Appeal being received by the Office on May 11, 2001, see enclosed copy of return receipt postcard), applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the present Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Please replace the existing sequence listing with the paper copy of the sequence listing filed herewith.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 23-27 and 29.

Please amend claims 13, 14-22, and 30-31 as follows.

-- 13. (Amended) A retroviral vector comprising
a viral core of murine leukemia virus (MLV); and
a virus envelope comprising a full-length surface envelope protein of human
immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV), and a truncated
transmembrane envelope protein of HIV or SIV.

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